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# **Collection Inventory for the Norbert Rillieux Collection Coll. 086**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University
<b>Creator</b>	Rillieux, Norbert, 1806-1894
<b>Title</b>	Norbert Rillieux Collection
<b>Date</b>	Dates unknown
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biographical Sketch

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Norbert Rillieux	
1806 March 17	Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, the natural son of Vincent Rillieux and Constance Vivant
1830	Sent to Paris, France to be educated. Published some technical studies that ranked him as an engineer of highest ability.
1834	Invented the Multiple Evaporator and its application into the sugar industry. Revolutionized, not only Louisiana's sugar industry, but the sugar and chemical industry of the world. Received the first patents for his apparatus which evaporated the first successful usage of latent heat in a vacuum.
1894 Oct. 8	Died in Paris.

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## Scope Note

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The Norbert Rillieux collection contains six biographical sketches (one in French), photostat copies of correspondence, and a newspaper clipping pertaining to the sugar apparatus of this Black inventor. The collection is contained in one document box measuring one half a linear foot.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## **Source**

These materials were donated by Sidney Kaplan, Professor of English at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts in May, 1957.

**Series A: Biography****Collection Inventory****Series A: Biography****Series Description**

Six biographical sketches (one in French) by various people about Norbert Rillieux.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Norbert Rillieux - R. L. Desdunes	1	1
Norbert Rillieux (2 sketches) - Florence Dymond	1	2
Norbert Rillieux - Dr. H. C. Prinsen Geerligs (In French)	1	3
Norbert Rillieux - Jules Godchaux	1	4
Norbert Rillieux (1806-1894) - Ed Koppeschaar	1	5

**Series B: Inventions****Series Description**

Photostat copies of correspondence and a newspaper clipping pertaining to Rillieux's three pan sugar apparatus.

**Box** **Folder**

**Series B: Inventions**

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Inventions - Norbert Rillieux's Sugar Apparatus (photostats)
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